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ABSTRACT of the **CASE**
 OF THE
Royal African Company of England.

THE Company is possessed of thirteen Forts and Castles on the Coast of *Africa*
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		Great Guns.
<i>James Fort</i> , in the River <i>Gambia</i> , on which are mounted		36
1. <i>Dixcove</i> ,	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	24
2. <i>Succundee</i> ,		31
3. <i>Commenda</i> ,		24
4. <i>CAPE-COAST CASTLE</i> ,		41
5. <i>Fort Royal</i> ,		25
6. <i>Phipps's Tower</i> ,		7
7. <i>Queen Anne's Point</i> ,		5
8. <i>Anamaboe</i> ,		9
9. <i>Tantumquerry</i> ,		8
10. <i>Winebah</i> ,		16
11. <i>Acra</i> ,		40
<i>William's Fort</i> , at <i>Whydah</i>		32
Total		298

THE *French* have likewise one Fort in the River *Senegal*, and another on the *Ile de Goree*, near the *Cape de Vera*, on the North Coast. And on the *Gold Coast* the *West-India Company* has the strong Fortress of *St. George del Mina*, within twelve of *Cape-Coast Castle*, and thirteen other Forts and Castles, lying intermixed with, and of them within gunshot of the *Royal African Company's* Forts.

THE *Royal African Company's* Forts and Castles in *Africa* are necessary, for securing a free and open Trade, to the Subjects of this Nation, on the Coast of against the exclusive Pretensions and Encroachments of such other European Nations keep and maintain Forts and Castles on that Coast.

THEY are likewise necessary, for opening and securing an Intercourse and Communication with the Kings, Princes, and Traders of the Inland Countries in *Africa*, and for erecting the old, and discovering and improving, many new Branches of Trade, for many Thousands of miles inwards in the Country, where no *Europeans* have, as yet, had any Trade or communication.

To keep and maintain these Forts and Castles, it has sometimes cost the Company per Annum, seldom less than 15,000 *l.* per Annum, and never, since they were so little as 10,000 *l.* per Annum; and that exclusive of the Charges of Governors, Writers, and others employed by the Company, for managing and carrying on their Trade.

WHILE the Company enjoyed the sole Trade to *Africa*, they purchased, erected, enlarged, kept, and maintained the said Forts and Castles at their own sole Cost and Charge.

WHILE the Trade continued open by Act of Parliament to all others his Majesty's Subjects, which was from the year 1698, to the year 1712. the Parliament judg'd it reasonable that all Persons, trading to those parts of *Africa*, should contribute to the Charge of the Forts and Castles, which they did, in part, during the time that Act continued in force.

SINCE the Expiration of that Act, which was in the year 1712; all others his Majesty's Subjects have traded freely to *Africa*, without contributing any thing to the said Charge. And the Company have born and defrayed the Whole of that Expence; and by the separate Traders have reaped the whole Profit of this Trade, and the Company have borne the Whole Charge of preserving the same to this Nation; which has put the Company at a disadvantage, and secured this Trade to the Nation, upon a far worse foot than those, who can only be said to have improved and enlarged it.

SINCE therefore Forts and Castles are necessary for the Preservation and Improvement of the Trade to *Africa*, and, since, it may not be thought adviseable, to lay any Burthen on those who are concerned in furnishing the *British Colonies* and *Plantations* with *Negroes*, towards enabling the Company to defray the Charge of them, It is submitted, in what other manner the Company may be relieved, and not only put upon an equality with the rest of their Fellow-Subjects, but likewise enabled to keep and maintain the Forts and Castles, for the Benefit and Protection of the Trade in general.

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Note, THE Commodities which the Company export to *Africa*, are,

Broad Cloth, Scarlet, Red, and Blue, Perpetuanoes, or Ranters, from Exeter and York- shire, Long Bays and Colchester ys, Ells, es, elsh Plains, lankets, arpets, amblets, Druggets, Duroys, Worsted, Silk, Mohair, Gold and Silver Trimmings, its, ose, of many Sorts, shalloons, Shoes, Slippers, Tickings, Earthen Ware, of many Sorts, Fuzees, Buchaneer Guns, Blunderbusses, Muskets,	Pistols, Swords, Cymeters, Cutlasses, Flints, Fire-Steels, Gunpowder, Lead Bars, Copper Bars, Iron Bars, Iron Ware, of many Sorts, Knives, Brass Neptunes, Kettles, and Pans, Brass Chains, Pewter Basons, Dishes, Tankards, Pots, Plates, Spoons, Tallow, Amber, Beads, of many Sorts, Bells, Coral, Looking-Glasses, Sundry Grocery Goods, Tobacco, Paper, Old Sheets,	Silesia Linnens, English Spirits, Provisions of all Sorts, Arrango's, Cowries, Calicoes, Annabasses, Paper Brawles, Bombay Stuffs, Blue Bafts, Long Cloths, Bejutapauts, Chelloes, Cherconees, Cherriderries, Cuttanees, Curlgees, Damasks, Lemmanees, Longees, Muslins, Nicconees, Taffatees, Tapseels, And many other Sorts of East-India Goods, &c.
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AND the Commodities receiv'd by way of Returns from *Africa* are,

Negroes, for the Use of the British Colonies and Plantations in America; G F ants Teeth. s Wax and Honey,	Gums, Redwood, and fundry other Sorts of Woods for Dying, Malaguetta, or Guinea Grains, Cotton-Wool,	Rice, Hydes, Civet, Tamarinds, Lyme-Juice, Fain-Oil, &c.
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es many other New Commodities, which the Country is capable of producing, and
be had in great abundance. As,

Indigo, Petre,	Lapis Lazuli, Ambergrease,	Pot-Asbes, Sundry Excellent Drugs, &c.
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